

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/854,037 filed on May 10, 2001. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 are rejected. Claims 1-6, 8-15, and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bullock et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,675,358). Claims 7, 16, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bullock in view of Edmunds et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,592,602).

Rejection of Claims Under 35 USC §102

With regard to the rejection of Claims 1-6, 8-15, and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bullock, the applicants have canceled all claims and added new claims 21-40. The new claims are allowable on the basis that Bullock does not disclose "a graphical user interface that . . . displays a plurality of images on a desktop in a picture stack including a completely-shown top image and one or more underlying images that are partly shown and partly obscured by overlying images" according to Claims 21-29 and Claims 39-40. Instead, Bullock discloses usage of a "picture stack" which is in the form of an icon which does not show portions of individual images within the stack although the icon may be partially overlaid by the top image on the stack.

Similarly, Bullock does not disclose "a graphical user interface that displays at least a portion of each image of a plurality of individual images on a desktop arranged in a picture stack displaying a completely-shown top image and one or more underlying images that are partly shown and partly obscured by overlying images" according to Claims 30-38.

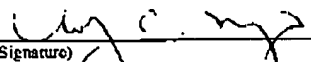
Rejection of Claim Under 35 USC §103

With regard to the rejection of claims 7, 16, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bullock in view of Edmunds et al., the applicants have canceled all claims and added new claims 21-40. The new claims are allowable on the same basis as the remarks directed to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicant believes Claims 21-40 are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. No new matter has been added. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

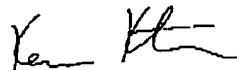
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